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County Council & State Delegation Host Merriweather Community Roundtable

On **Tuesday, September 20, 2016 at 7pm**, there will be a discussion on MPP sound concerns. The agenda includes: overview of sound concerns; sound monitoring and mitigation efforts; questions and discussions. This is an open meeting. The public is welcome to attend. Public testimony will not be taken; however members of the public will be able to contribute questions to the discussion. Written comments can be submitted to the Council [here](#) or to the State Delegation [here](#).

HB1105 - Make Your Voice Heard

The Office of the Public Access Ombudsman seeks your comments concerning the response of the Howard County Public School System to Public Information Act requests. For more information, click [here](#). Comments are due by **September 30**.

National Recovery Month

Every September, SAMHSA sponsors Recovery Month to increase awareness and understanding of mental and substance use disorders and celebrate the people who recover. Howard County Health Department will be holding several events which are available [online](#).



9-11 Memorial Ceremony & 25th Annual Police Pace

Join us as we remember those in Howard County and all those who lost their lives on September 11th. On Sunday, September 11th, the County will host a special 9/11 Remembrance Wreath Laying Ceremony at **Centennial Park** in the **Garden of Hope**. It will be held at **8:46am**.



In addition, every September, the Howard County Police Foundation hosts the Police Pace, a 5K race and one-mile, fun walk and run at **Centennial Park** in **Columbia**. The goal of the event is to raise money for the families of Howard County officers killed or injured in the line of duty, as well as provide scholarships and support the department with funding for special needs not met through the annual budget process. The 25th Annual Police Pace will take place on **Sunday, September 11th**. On-site registration begins at **8am**. The race will start at **9:11am**. More information on the race can be found [here](#).

ABCs of Parent Empowerment Series

Calling all parents and guardians! You are cordially invited to a Fall 2016 parent workshop series

featuring 3 sessions including: Navigating HCPSS (**Saturday, September 17**); Social and Emotional Development (**Saturday, October 22**); and Finding Solutions to School Concerns (**Saturday, November 19**). Come learn about these resources, including Canvas and related policies and procedures, as well as effective strategies to maintain communication between home and school. All sessions will take place at **Oakland Mills Middle School, 9540 Kilimanjaro Rd** in Columbia from **9-11:15am**. To register and for more information visit their [website](#).

Services available: Childcare, limited transportation and interpreting. Please call **410-313-1598** in advance to arrange. This event is sponsored by The Council of Elders and HCPSS.

Village Happenings

Long Reach Community Events

Village Wide Yard Sale - On **October 15, 2016**, there will be a Village-Wide yard sale. You can call or stop by Stonehouse to sign up by October 8. There is no charge to sign up and they will list your street in the Columbia Flier ad. They will also give you a ribbon to tie to your street sign. For more details and to sign up, call **410-730-8113**.

Long Reach Halloween Party - **October 29, 2016 1-2:30pm** at Stonehouse

From 1-1:45pm, you're invited to decorate a pumpkin or make a Halloween craft at the Art Center.

There will be refreshments along with a Trick or Treat Bag with goodies. From 2-2:30, those attending will be treated to a magic show. This event is for Children up to 10 years old, and must be accompanied by an adult.

Shredding Event

On **Saturday, November 5 9am-12pm**, come to the LRVC parking lot for a shredding event. LR residents are FREE (ID req'd) and have no limit on the # of bags they can bring. For all others, there will be a \$5 charge and a 3 bag limit. For more details, call **410-730-8113**.

Oakland Mills Community Events



Bike with a Cop:

Join us in Oakland Mills on **Thursday, September 8 at 6:30pm**. The route will begin at **The Other Barn**. All children under 9 must be accompanied by an adult. For more information, check the website or contact Brigitta Warren at **410-730-4610** or email events@oaklandmills.org.

Jazz in the Mills 2016:

Sunday, September 18 at The Other Barn

Come out for an evening of jazz featuring an all-female jazz quartet, including: Amy Shook, Janelle Gill, Akua Allrich, and Savannah Harris. Buy tickets in advance online or at **The Other**

Barn. Tickets in advance are \$15 and tickets bought at the door the day of the concert are \$20.

Tickets can be bought at **The Other Barn** and online until **12pm on September 17**; and thereafter tickets can be purchased at the door just prior to the concert on **September 18**. For more details contact Lavenia Smith by phone **301-596-5128** or email lavenia_nesmith@comcast.net or Sandy Cederbaum at manager@oaklandmills.org.

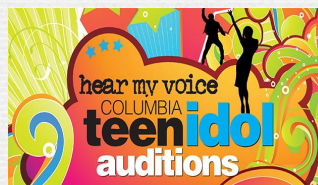
Oakland Mills Fall Festival:

The time has arrived - Enjoy our 2016 Oakland Mills Fall Festival held **Saturday, October 8, 2016 from 11am-4pm** in the **Oakland Mills Village Center**. There will be live entertainment all day in the Courtyard, a children's area, community and craft vendors, health screenings, festival food and much more. This is the biggest event of the year and a great day to bring our Oakland Mills and Howard County community together for a fantastic day of fun. Go [online](#) for more information.

Visit OMCA [website](#) for more exciting local events.

14th Annual Hear My Voice Teen Idol Competition

The stage is set - and so are the dates - for Columbia Association's (CA) annual Hear My Voice Teen Idol Competition, which spotlights some of the best young singers in Columbia and Howard County! CA will host three auditions:



- **Thursday, September 15 at 7pm** at the Youth & Teen Center @ The Barn
- **Tuesday, September 20 at 7pm** at the Youth & Teen Center @ The Barn

- **Thursday, September 22 at 7pm** at Lord & Taylor in The Mall in Columbia

The singing competition is open to Howard County performers from 6-12th grade. No music is necessary for the auditions. Explicit lyrics are not allowed. Top auditions will then move on to the semifinals on **Thursday, September 29 at 7pm** at Slayton House, 10400 Cross Fox Lane in the Wilde Lake Village Center. The best of the best will then advance to a performance on Sunday, **October 9, 2016 at 3pm** at the Downtown Columbia Lakefront.

The winner will receive a \$300 cash prize. Second place will receive a \$100 cash prize and third place will receive \$50. The People's Choice Award winner chosen by the audience will receive a prize as well.

[Read more](#)



Columbia BikeAbout

Bring the family out to enjoy a 9 mile bike-ride through Town Center, Hickory Ridge, Harper's Choice, and Wilde Lake on **Saturday, September 17, 9:30am-1pm**. There is also the option of adding a 1.5-mile spin around Lake Kittamuqundi to your route. Preregistration is not required, but is encouraged. Go [online](#) to register or find more information.

"Find Your Park HoCo" Quest

Our Department of Recreation & Parks has joined the national movement to connect people with parks in their communities through "Find Your Park HoCo," a program that guides the exploration of county parks with an interactive booklet. Participants who visit all eight parks throughout the summer can turn in their completed booklet anytime during the month of **September** to the Robinson Nature Center to receive a free prize bag and enter a grand prize drawing for a four-person camping tent and chairs from REI. For more details, visit the [website](#).

Master Gardener Rain Barrel Workshops

The Howard County Master Gardeners will be holding workshops and distributing rain barrels as they help Howard County learn how to use the rain barrels. Howard County residents will be eligible to receive a rain barrel (one barrel per address) after taking part of the workshops being offered from 9-11am on the following Saturdays: **September 17** and **October 1 & 15** at the **Alpha Ridge Landfill, 2350 Marriottsville Rd.** (Visit their [website](#) for more information)

Help HCAC Help Ellicott City Artists!



Visit the Howard County Center for the Arts to see our Paint It! Ellicott City show and check out the artwork available for purchase; donate to Re-create: Ellicott City Artist Relief Fund on the Support the Arts page of our website (please include Re-create: EC Artist Relief Fund in the purpose section); join us on **September 16** from **6-8pm** for our Annual Meeting & Grant Awards reception; or attend the closing reception for Paint It! on **September 30** from **6-9pm** for a great opportunity to reconnect with local artists and arts organizations and make your contribution to Re-create. We will also be inviting local galleries to set up pop-up shops during the reception on **September 30** to benefit the fund. Go [online](#) for more information.

Collision Avoidance Training

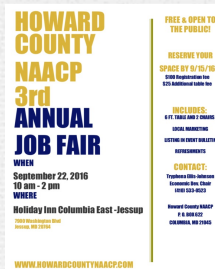
Our Howard County Police Department will be conducting Collision Avoidance Training (CAT) classes through **December**. This is an advance defensive driving and vehicle control program for licensed teen driver's ages 16-20. Driving skills addressed include: evasive maneuvers, emergency braking, cornering, backing, skid recovery, steering, acceleration and more.

Students must operate their own vehicle and successfully complete each driving skill/maneuver to receive a certificate of completion. Space is limited. Cost is \$95. Generous program support and scholarships are provided by the Howard County Police Foundation, Erie Insurance and the Browning Reagle Insurance Agency. Sessions are: **September 17; October 15; November 19; and December 20**. For more information, visit our [website](#).

Help Save a Life - Get Trained in CPR/AED



When an adult goes into Sudden Cardiac Arrest (SCA), his or her survival depends on immediately getting cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) from someone nearby. Eighty eight percent of all cardiac arrest occur at home or at work, so the chances of you knowing the person are very high. Help save a life and get trained today! Our Howard County Department of Fire and Rescue Services (HCDFRS) will be offering Hands-Only CPR training at no cost. Upcoming dates for 2016 are: **September 20th** at Gateway; **October 5th** at PSTC; **October 19th** at Gateway; **November 16th** at Gateway; **December 7th** at PSTC; and **December 14th** at Gateway. Gateway = HCDFRS HQ, 6751 Columbia Gateway Dr, Ste 400 in Columbia; PSTC = Public Safety Training Center, 2200 Scott Wheeler Dr in Marriottsville. All sessions are held 6-8pm. For more details, visit their [website](#).



NAACP 3rd Annual Job Fair

The Howard County NAACP will host their 3rd annual Job Fair on **September 22 10am-2pm** at the **Holiday Inn Columbia East-Jessup**, 7900 Washington Blvd. Jessup, MD (corner of U.S. Route 1 & MD Route 175). This event is **FREE** and open to the public. Attendees are encouraged to come in business dress and bring multiple copies of resumes. For more details including participating companies go [online](#) or contact Tryphenia Ellis-Johnson at **410-533-0523** or tryphenia1023@comcast.net.

Main Street Music Fest - #ECStrong

Come out and support our local non-profits and vendors in Ellicott City on **Saturday, September 24** beginning at **noon**. The 5th annual Main Street Music Fest returns but at a new venue this year while Ellicott City recovery is underway. This year, the event will be hosted at **Merriweather Post Pavilion**. Enjoy six stages of music, a local beer garden and shop in a special vendor area featuring Old Ellicott City shops and restaurants! Merriweather has agreed to donate 100% of the proceeds to the Ellicott City Partnership and its efforts to help our MainStreet merchants and residents impacted by the flood rebuild. Tickets are \$12 for adults and children 12+. Children under 12 are **FREE**. For more details or to buy your tickets [online](#)!



HOCO Walks



Enjoy a different walking tour the first Saturday of each month! The Roving Radish will be on site to provide healthy snacks for the walks (Water not provided). Make sure to be there at **9am**. For more information, visit their [website](#).

October 1: Wilde Lake Park, 10027 Hyla Brook Rd, Columbia
Guest Walker: Police Chief Gary L Gardner and Park "Bark" Rangers
November 5: Meadowbrook Park, 5001 Meadowbrook Lane, Ellicott City
Guest Walker: Fire Chief John S Butler

Roving Radish - HoCo Fresh, Meals to Go

Howard County's Roving Radish promotes healthy eating habits through meal kits comprised of locally and regionally grown foods straight from the farm to your table. Meal kits are available to anyone who works, plays or lives in Howard County and are offered at a discounted price to those in need. This program runs through **November 23, 2016**. To learn more or place an order, call **410-992-2049** or visit their [website](#). If you are interested in volunteering to help the Roving Radish assemble kits, sign up [online](#).





Open Streets

Meet us on the street! Open Streets Howard County is coming October 1, 2016 from 10am-2pm at the Little Patuxent Loop and Downtown Columbia Trail. See how better street design can make getting around easier, safer and more comfortable for everyone. The event will include action-packed stops around the loop for kid-friendly activities, yoga, food trucks and more. For more details, go [online](#) or contact Rosi Melendez at RMelendez@thehorizonfoundation.org.

Third Annual Discover Downtown Columbia 5K and 1-Mile Fun Run October 2 at 9am, The Plaza at The Mall in Columbia

Explore the fresh new look of Downtown Columbia while enjoying the iconic landmarks that the race course has to offer. There will be prizes awarded to the top three overall finishers (Male/Female) and top finisher (Male/Female) in each age category. There will also be entertainment featured before, during and after the event.

Registration fees are \$40 as of **September 1**. The 1-mile fun run is \$10 to participate. Register [online](#).

Ms. Biz Mornings

Ms. Biz Mornings is a FREE networking group for women in business hosted the 1st Tuesday morning of every month (**8:30-10am**). Events are held at a different local business each month. 2016 schedule is as follows:

October 4	Perspectives Art & Design, 8191 Main St, Ellicott City
November 1	Sacred Healing Hands, 11155 Stratfield Ct, Marriottsville
December 6	Kelsey's Kloset, 11200 Scaggsville Rd, Laurel/Fulton

Transition Fair for Students with Development Disabilities October 5, 2016, 6-8pm, Wilde Lake High School, 5460 Trumpeter Rd, Columbia

Parents and guardians are invited to learn about options available to young adults receiving special education services and transition planning for life after high school. Agencies will provide information on the services that are available to your transition student. The fair will include 3 breakout sessions: Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) - Coordinators of Community Services (CCS) = Service Coordination, MMARS RC, Total Care for Support Services, Optimal Health Care; Department of Rehabilitation Services (DORS); and Parent Forum with Jim Long and Chris Woodhead - parents who have transitioned a child to adult services.

[Read more](#)

HCPSS 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run

The Howard County Public School System is hosting its third annual Let's Go HoCo HCPSS Community 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run. The event will be held at **Columbia Gateway Drive on Sunday, October 16, 8am**. Registration is available online or by mail through **October 12** and in-person **October 14-16**. Visit the [HCPSS 5K website](#) for more race information. Please contact Mary Schiller at 410-313-6655 or mary_schiller@hcpss.org for sponsorship opportunities.



SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to Residents of Maryland Affected by Heavy Rains and Flooding

Maryland businesses and residents affected by the heavy rains and flooding on July 30, 2016, can apply for low-interest disaster loans from the U.S. Small Business Administration. SBA's customer service representatives will be available at the Disaster Loan Outreach Center to answer questions about the disaster loan program and help individuals complete their applications. The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **Oct. 11, 2016**, and the deadline to return economic injury applications is **May 10, 2017**. To apply online, click here. For more information call SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955,

(1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing), email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov or go online.

The Center is located in the following community and is open until further notice:
Howard County Ellicott City 50+ Center-9401 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Hours: Weekdays from **8:30am-5pm**



Get Your Flu Shots!

The Howard County Health Department will be holding walk-in seasonal influenza vaccination clinics, for the injectable flu vaccine, for County government employees at the following locations:

Tuesday, October 18, 9am-12pm; 1-4pm. George Howard Building, 1st Floor, Ellicott & Columbia Rooms, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

Tuesday, November 15, 9am-12pm; 1-4pm. George Howard Building, 1st Floor, Ellicott & Columbia Rooms, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21043

SEASONAL injectable flu vaccination, the flu shot, may also be received at:

50+ Expo Wilde Lake High School
(park at the Mall, shuttle to high school)

Monday, October 31, 2016

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

There will be a \$1 admission fee to enter the Expo

2016 Howie Award Nominations

Know an exceptional individual or business who made contributions to arts in Howard County? Nominate them for the yearly Howie Award, which is given by the Arts Council to those who deserve recognition for their contribution to arts in these three categories: Outstanding Artist, Outstanding Arts Educator, and Outstanding Business or Community Supporter. Nominations for the 2016 Howie Awards must be received by **October 26, 2016**. For more information, visit their [website](#).

HCC Happenings

Kids on Campus

Year-Round Classes:

HCC offers year-round classes for kids on weekends or on weekday evenings. HCC also offers weekday courses for homeschool students to learn more about specific topics in our state-of-the-art labs and facilities. Click [here](#) for more information.

SAT, ACT & Other Test Preparation:

HCC also offers the opportunity for High school students to prepare at HCC for SAT, ACT, and other standardized testing. Click [here](#) for details

HCC 5K Challenge RACE

October 30, 2016 at 8am, Howard Community College

Commit to creating a healthy community by participating in the HCC 5k Challenge Race! Experience HCC's beautiful campus and unique race course as your organization competes for prestigious "Challenge" awards and join teammates and participants in the Celebration Village to learn more about HCC, its partners, and programs! Click [here](#) for more information.



2016 Farmers Market Season

There are no excuses not to eat fresh, especially when Howard County offers farmers markets five days a week throughout the county in the following eight convenient locations! Swing by and pick up fresh fruits, vegetables, meats and more! (Find more details [online](#).)

Miller Branch Library

Ellicott City Old Town Market

(9421 Frederick Rd, Ellicott City)
Hours of Operation: **Wednesdays 2-6pm**
Open through **November 16, 2016;**

East Columbia Branch Library
(6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia)
Hours of Operation: **Thursdays 2pm-6pm**
Open through **November 17, 2016;**

Howard County General Hospital
(5755 Cedar Ln, Columbia)
Hours of Operation: **Fridays 11:30am-4:30pm**
Open through **October 29, 2016;**

Maple Lawn
(8191 Westside Blvd, Fulton)
Hours of Operation: **Saturdays 9am-1pm**
Open through **October 29, 2016;**

(The Wine Bin & Little French Market, Midtown
Old Ellicott City)
Hours of Operation: **Saturdays 9am-1pm**
Open through **October 29, 2016;**

Glenwood Community Farmers Market
(2350 MD-97, Cooksville)
Hours of Operation: **Saturdays 9am-1pm**
Open through **October 29, 2016;**

River Hill Farmers Market
(River Hill Garden Ctr, 12165 Clarksville Pike)
Hours of Operation: **Saturdays 9am-1pm;**
Open through **November 5;**

Oakland Mills Village Center
(5851 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia)
Hours of Operation: **Sundays 9am-1pm**
Open through **November 20, 2016;**

Grasscycle!

Cutting the grass is a part of everyone's summer chores, but here are some tips on how to save time, energy and the environment!

Try GrassCycling - leaving the grass clippings on your lawn as you mow to recycle naturally. Grasscycling is a gentle way to release nitrogen gradually on your lawn. It also saves you from bagging and dragging your grass clippings to the curb for pickup.

[Share With Friends & Neighbors!](#)

STAY CONNECTED

